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TAGS: ENRG, BL

SUBJECT: SHORT RANGE DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND GAS RESERVES

REF: A-110 OF MAY 31, 1974

1. CARLOS MIRANDA, DIRECTOR DIRECCION NACIONAL DE PETROLEOS, MINISTRY ENERGY AND HYDROCARBONS, DURING LUNCHEON ON MAY 31, TOLD EMBOFFS YPFB EXPECTING TO CONTRACT TECHNICAL PETROLEUM-GAS FIRM TO VERIFY NATURAL GAS RESERVES. INDICATED FIRM TO BE FROM THIRD COUNTRY AND POSSIBLY AMERICAN. SAID YPFB ALSO EXPECTED TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR SERVICE CONTRACT TO DRILL EXPLORATION WELLS IN YPFB'S TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS, BUT THAT PETROBRAS NOT INCLUDED IN GROUP OF POSSIBLE CONTRACTORS WHO WOULD OBTAIN CONTRACTS. STATED IN U.S. EXPLORATION DRILLING HAS INCREASED TREMENDOUSLY CAUSING SEVERE SHORTAGE OF DRILLING RIGS. HE CONFIDENT YPFB MAY OBTAIN SERVICE CONTRACT SOON INSPITE OF SHORTAGE WITH HELP OF COMPANIES NOW IN BOLIVIA.

2. ADDED FERTILIZER PLANT MAY BE LOCATED IN CITY OF SANTA CRUZ TO SUPPLY NOT ONLY BRAZILIAN MARKET BUT ALSO ARGENTINE MARKET IF

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REQUIRED. (COMMENT: IF LATTER IS CASE, THEN FERTILIZER PLANT

COULD BE PLANNED AND BUILT EVEN BEFORE GAS PIPELINE TO BRAZIL.  
BRAZIL NOT LIKELY TO BUY FERTILIZER UNTIL IT RECEIVES BOLIVIAN  
NATURAL GAS, BUT ARGENTINE MARKET POSSIBLY COULD BE AVAILABLE  
BEFORE THEN, DEPENDING ON ARGENTINE POLICY.)  
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